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TO THE WHIGS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

At a special meeting of the Whig General Committee of San Francisco, held Friday evening, March 21, 1851, it was

Resolved, That the Whigs of the city be requested to meet at their headquarters in their respective Wards, on WEDNESDAY evening, the 28th of April, for the purpose of nominating by ballot for their respective Wards, one candidate for Alderman, one candidate for Assistant Alderman, and two candidates for Assessors; and that the same time and place be also designated for delegates to a general Convention, to be held on SATURDAY evening, the 12th of April, to nominate candidates for city officers at large. The Polls to be opened at 7 P.M. and closed at 10 P.M.

JAMES E. WAINWRIGHT, Chairman.
S. W. HOLLADAY, Sec'y.
R. B. HANFORD, Sec'y.

What ought the Whigs to do?

This question is one of the utmost importance. Its answer, if fully given, would require the power of prophecy added to the dictates of prudence and the promptings of reason. But as we do not profess the former, let us use what the others would advise. For upon what the Whigs do, and do soon, depends the political complexion of our State for one year at least, perhaps, for many. There ought certainly to be no Whig by this time indifferent to the success of his party. We have had nearly two years of democratic rule. The elections have heretofore been so well managed by that party, preaching "independent tickets," where the Whigs could be thus cheated; "no party," where the Whigs were quiet but strong; and "Democratic" wherever they felt their own power; yet in each case never forgetting at the polls to vote for their own partisans, that they have had virtual control of the State, and they alone are accountable for its bad laws, its paralyzing debt, its present and prospective financial difficulties. Many, as independent, have been put into office, but they have generally acted with the Democrats; at all events they have added nothing to the Whig vote.

If there are yet left any calling themselves Whigs, who desire a continuance of this state of things, or who are willing that they should continue, we are not of that number. Give us to know at once our strength and that of our antagonists. The principles and practices of the two parties are so differing from each other, that any harmonization, any thing save a hard fight is to be calculated upon, if indeed it is to be desired. We prefer, by far, a well defined battle, and even a defeat, to a few skirmishes on the flanking or advance guards, which proves nothing and gains nothing. Let us dare, meek, know, and be worthy of our destiny. If it be to conquer, as we firmly believe, then let us improve our victory, and so take advantage of its position, that no scaling ladder of the enemy can again pass over our fosses or walls. The Whigs, therefore, should at once prepare. The initiatory steps have been taken at San Jose. One year ago it was reported to have been said by a leading Democrat, and echoed by the rest, that thereafter "no Whig should receive office in the State." They have acted upon the principle ever since. It is time to test the infallibility of that enunciation.

The Whigs should then at once arouse in reply to the action at San Jose. We are to have a State Convention in this city next May. It should be a large, full, and enthusiastic meeting. Every county in the State should be represented fairly. And the only way to effect this is for the Central Committee, and all others, of every name, and every Whig who is one at heart, to come to the preparatory work at once. Let us in this city not wait to be taught our duty. There is much to do, the right men to find, to nominate—information to be distributed, the necessity of the work made clear to the apprehension of all. General and sub-committees should be at once established in each county of the State, frequent meetings held, free and frequent communications be had with them by the Central Committee, a spirit of activity excited and maintained, fervor and enthusiasm aroused by suitable efforts and appeals, and in fine no position, however trifling, be neglected, by which a foothold can be obtained by our well trained adversaries. We hope now to see our house set in order at once, and the old Whig family gathered at the warming, vigorous and ardent, hopeful and determined. Then may we safely calculate upon victory, having taken the steps to insure it.

STILL ANOTHER VETO!—Gov. McDUGAL seems bound to immortalize himself by his vetoes! On Thursday he returned the bill "authorizing the District Attorney of the Seventh Judicial District to enter a nolle prosequi in certain cases," referring to the Settlers indicted for participation in the difficulties of last August at Sacramento. Of two positions, one must be admitted; either the Legislature passes a good many foolish laws, or the Governor does a great many foolish acts. If the Legislature should pass a joint resolution to adjourn, we should not wonder if "Young Veto" should contrive a way to frustrate so good an intention.

CONTINUED.—The cowardly affair has still been continued, owing to the unavoidable absence of one of the parties concerned. The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge of a breach of the peace, but stated that there were mitigating circumstances.

ASSAY OF GOLD COIN.—Attention is called to the statement of the result of an assay made by A. Humbolt, Esq. U. S. Assayer, of sundry gold coin sent him for that purpose.

Another Fight in the Senate.

A card appears in the *Alto* of yesterday morning, from its San Jose correspondent, giving his version of an attack upon him by Senator BRODERICK, in consequence of something published in that paper in regard to the action of the Senator upon certain bills. Mr. B. called him into a side room, and attempted personal chastisement, choking the reporter, and otherwise inflicting bodily injuries, and attempting to beat him, the blows, however, being warded off. The Senator finally took the reporter's pistol from him, and gave it to page, to throw into a sink, which was accordingly done.

This is the version of the affair as it appears in print, and whether strictly correct or not, reflects no credit upon the Senator from this city. The Senate Chamber is no place for practicing the rules and principles of "Fistiana," and even where there is sufficient provocation for chastisement, it does not become law-makers to enter the ring and appear in the unenviable attitude of law-breakers. This is not the only instance during the present session in which Mr. Broderick has shown a pugilistic disposition, but we sincerely hope it may be the last. The presiding officer of a dignified body of Senators should respect not only himself but the position he holds, more than to appear so frequently before the public if not in personal rencounters, at least engaged in debates couched in such language as usually leads to them.

We say these things without reference to the politics or party associations of Mr. Broderick. If he were our own personal and political friend, tried by time and close intimacy, we should not let the occasion pass to remind him of the disgrace which such scenes bring upon the body over which he presides. If they do not respect themselves, their constituents cannot be expected to, and their efforts for the establishment of law are worse than futile. Law makers should be even more careful in the observance of the statutes enacted by themselves, than those who only casually read them, and whom circumstances may lead to disregard. Whatever the provocation, Mr. Broderick will gain no personal or political reputation of an enviable character by attempting to force a willing obedience to his sentiments, or prevent an honest criticism of his public acts, by choking and beating a reporter who, in the discharge of his duty to his employers, comments in such terms as he deems deserving, upon the language and votes of an honorable Senator. Scenes akin to the one to which we refer, are daily seen in the gambling and liquor saloons of our cities; but this fact affords no matter of wonder, when the potent have only to turn to their "most potent, grave and revered seniors," at San Jose, for illustrious examples.

The "Democracy" in Council.

The "unfettered" of the city met, yesterday, in the respective Wards, for the purpose of nominating by ballot, delegates to a City Convention and Ward Nominating Committees. At some of the polls the contest was decidedly spirited between the various cliques and squads friendly to particular candidates for Mayor, Marshall, Recorder, &c. At the third ward poll, during the canvassing of the votes, a kind of "free fight" occurred, but which party got the better of the ballot-box, or the fight, we did not learn. The first will be determined by the vote in Convention, and the second by the bruised heads.

In the first ward the successful ticket is said to be favorable to the re-nomination of the present Recorder and Marshall. The following are the delegates to the Convention from that ward:

Peter Hogan, A. J. McCarty, Daniel Kennif, John J. Parcells, Robert C. Page.

What particular clique the following delegates belong to, we are unable to say. They were chosen from the Fifth Ward:

Dr. J. L. Hyatt, Jeremiah Hurley, James Walsh, Samuel G. Sheldon, James Shindler.

From what we can learn T. H. Green will be the candidate for Mayor, and Recorder Tifford for re-election to his present place. Worse men might be selected for both positions, but the nomination will be but an empty honor.

A PUGNACIOUS FRENCHMAN.—*La Belle France* has sent us some specimens of humanity that are decidedly pugnacious. One of them, yesterday morning, who had inebriated more wine than was good for weak nerves, made a general fight in Commercial street, knocking down every man who came within reach of a pair of brawny arms, setting the business most effectually for one or two policemen by laying them flat on their backs in the mud. Even when he himself was floored, and covered with filth and mud, he fought valiantly with both hands and feet, making the crowd fly in every direction. He was finally secured and taken to the station house, but not until he had doubled up a dozen or more who attempted to interfere.

NEW YORK POST OFFICE STATISTICS for the Quarter ending December 31, 1850:

California letters received.....	123,912
Foreign.....	240,492
California sent.....	117,048
Foreign.....	583,348
Total.....	944,816

To this and the daily average of domestic correspondence, of say 55,000 letters, and the amount of letters received and sent by transient vessels, and it will give 6,037,000 letters that have passed through that office in the last quarter. The number of foreign newspapers for the quarter was as follows: Received 165,250, and sent 323,068, amounting to 495,301.

IN THE WRONG FEW.—A gentlemanly looking personage, got into the prisoner's dock at the Recorder's Court yesterday morning, thinking that he had secured an eligible seat to witness the proceedings. It was not long before he discovered his mistake, and lost no time in making his exit.

The Murder of Mr. Jarvis.

The murder at the Mission Dolores, on Wednesday evening, is one of the most brutal and cold-blooded we have ever been called upon to record. The facts, as we gather them, are these. Capt. E. M. Jarvis, formerly of Texas, had been on a visit to a neighbor's, with his wife, and was returning about 9 o'clock in the evening, carrying his infant child in his arms, his lady walking by his side, and had reached within twenty feet of his dwelling, when he was stabbed just below the right shoulder, with a large knife, inflicting a horrible wound. He fell upon the ground, and expired in a few moments, without speaking a word. The screams of his wife brought assistance, when he was found laying in a pool of blood, which had run to a considerable distance.

Suspicion immediately fastened upon a man named William Slater, with whom Mr. Jarvis had had some previous difficulty, in which he threatened the life of Mr. J., and he was industriously searched for throughout the day yesterday. About dark last evening, he was arrested by officer Robinson, of the Third District, at the head of Long Wharf, and taken to the station house.

While at the Marshal's office last evening, he stated to our reporter, that he went to the races on last Monday, and in consequence of exposure, caught a severe cold in his head, which has forced him to remain in bed until yesterday morning. Yesterday he was about in the most public places in the city, and denies knowing anything of Jarvis' death, until he saw a funeral notice in the *Parker House*, when he made some remark to his companion, to the effect, that the deceased had met a just fate. When arrested, he remarked immediately to the officer, that he had no doubt but that he knew perfectly well the reason of his arrest.

There is a great deal of strong circumstantial evidence against him, which will require positive proof to overthrow. He relies upon proving by several witnesses of respectability, that on Wednesday he was confined to his bed the whole day. Slater is a young man, apparently twenty-seven or twenty-eight years of age, genteelly dressed and of prepossessing appearance.

Slater will undergo an examination before the Recorder this forenoon.

Record of the City Courts.

THURSDAY, March 27.

SUPERIOR COURT.—Hon. D. O. Shattuck, Associate Justice.

Charles Quillett vs. Benjamin Davidson.—In this case it appears that the defendant leased to plaintiff a lot of ground on the corner of Commercial and Montgomery streets, for a space of one year, at the rate of \$250 per month. It was also stipulated that if plaintiff failed to pay the rent regularly, that the defendant should have power to take possession. Plaintiff had built a house which covered the lot entirely, and which was taken possession of by defendant, who refused to give up the property on the ground that there was rent due, and that he was in possession of a mechanic's lien against the building. Judge Shattuck, in delivering his opinion, said that it was very difficult to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion; to give the plaintiff only what his building is worth as lumber, less the mechanic's lien paid by the defendant would hardly be substantial justice. For the defendant to pay what the building cost would be equally unjust. I think the fairest measure of damages is the enhanced value of the property by the plaintiff, at the time of the conversion, or when defendant took possession of the house. I suppose from the evidence that the lot has increased in value \$1500—the lien discharged by the defendant, \$800—leaving the sum of \$700 due the plaintiff, for which I render judgment with interest from date. The ground rent, if any due, should be deducted from this amount. McGay, Holliday & Saunders, for plaintiff; Chetwood, Edwards, Rose & Turk, for defendant.

Young vs. Starkey.—Continued by consent until Friday, April 11.
Reed, et al., vs. Cronise, et al.—Continuance granted to enable the defendant to obtain testimony in Philadelphia.

Young vs. Starkey, et al.—Paper filed in open court is allowed to go up with the testimony as the bill of exceptions, by consent.

PROBATE COURT.—Hon. R. N. Morrison, presiding.

In the matter of the estate of Jose P. Pimata, deceased.—Ordered that the further hearing of this case be deferred.

In the matter of the estate of Thomas Larkin, deceased.—Ordered that Theodore Shillaber, executor of the last will and testament of deceased, give additional bonds in the sum of \$10,000.

DISTRICT COURT.—Hon. Levi Parsons, presiding.

People vs. Seth Hurd.—Indictment for passing counterfeit money.—Tried before a jury who rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Eleonora Harmon vs. Thomas Hays, et al., executors of J. H. Harmon, deceased.—Report of sale filed and confirmed.

A BEAUTIFUL SALOON.—The genteel, quiet saloon on Commercial street, so long under the management of Mrs. WHITNEY, presented, last evening, a brilliant appearance, having been re-papered and decorated anew, and beautiful marble tables substituted for the wooden ones, which have done such good service. It now presents a splendid appearance, and is the only place in that street where gentlemen can procure a palatable oyster stew, or a fry, or the necessary accompaniments of good liquors and cigars, pastry, &c. An agreeable convivial crowd was present throughout the evening and until a late hour of the night, evidencing the fact that the popularity of this saloon is as great as ever.

ITALIAN OPERA.—The last performance but one of the talented Italian Opera Company, takes place at the Adelphi Theater this evening, on which occasion the beautiful opera of *Ernani* will be produced, and in which the following artists will appear:

Madame Van Gulpa as Charles V.
Signor Rossi as Elvira.
Signor Pelligrini as Ernani.
Signor Acquaroni as Silva.
Signor Guindio as Ricardo.

An entertainment beautiful and attractive in the extreme, may be anticipated.

TWO hundred and eighty-five Norwegian men embarked by a vessel, which has just sailed from Christiania, in Norway, to seek their fortunes in California. They are, for the most part, young and robust mountaineers, workmen, and laborers.

THE President has recognized Theophile de Rutte as vice consul of Switzerland at San Francisco.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE.

(REPORTED FOR THE PACIFIC NEWS, March 26.)

IN SENATE.—Mr. Broderick, of the San Francisco Delegation, to whom was referred the bill to re-incorporate the city of San Francisco, reported the same back with amendments, and recommended its passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, presented a bill to create a State Marine Hospital at San Francisco, which was read twice and ordered to be printed.

The bill concerning Justices of the Peace and Judicial Officers was then taken up, and further considered in Committee of the Whole; after making sundry amendments the Committee rose and reported, and the amendments were concurred in by the Senate. The bill was ordered to a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, reported back an act to repeal an act to provide for the inspection of Steamboats, and recommended its passage.

The bill was read a third time and passed.

A message was received from the Governor, returning, with his objections, a bill authorizing the District Attorney of the 7th Judicial District to enter a nolle prosequi in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. Heydenfeldt the Senate adjourned.

IN ASSEMBLY.—Mr. Hoff, from the Committee on Corporations, reported back the petition of citizens of El Dorado county in relation to mining, stating that a bill is now before the House which will accomplish the object prayed for in the petition.

Mr. Merritt, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the bill to regulate the fees of officers reported that the Committee were unable to agree, and asked to be discharged.

The Committee were discharged.

On motion of Mr. McCandless, the bill was recommended to another Select Committee.

Mr. Hall, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Militia Compensation bill, reported the same back with an amendment.

The bill was read the third time, and the question being on the final passage, it was decided in the negative vote—yeas, 11; noes, 15.

Mr. Carr, from the Committee to whom was referred the bill concerning the office of Public Administrator, reported the same back with several amendments, which were concurred in by the House, and the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Hoff, from the Select Committee to whom had been referred the memorial of W. Walker, made a report in relation thereto, recommending the passage of the bill.

Mr. Hoff, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the bill to amend the law relating to the office of Judge Parsons, Judge of the Fourth Judicial District, and testimony were ordered to be printed, and made the special order for Wednesday next.

Mr. Moore offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the event of Judge Turner requiring witnesses in the trial of impeachment against him, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be and he is hereby required to summon such witnesses.

Mr. Murphy offered a substitute to Mr. Moore's resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to examine the charges made against Judge Turner shall, at his request, detach the Sergeant-at-Arms for such witnesses as he may require, to rebut such charges; and such witnesses shall be admitted and heard by the Committee, and their evidence reported to the House, together with all other evidence, on the first Monday of April next.

After a lengthy debate, on Mr. Murphy's resolution.

Mr. Carr introduced a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That the Committee appointed to examine the charges made against Judge Parsons, be instructed to notify him of such charges, and request his attendance before said Committee, on Monday next, with such witnesses as he may think proper to bring with him, and that said Committee be instructed to take in writing all evidence submitted by Judge Parsons and his witnesses, and report the same back to this House on Wednesday next.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion, Messrs. Baldwin and Murphy were added to the Committee having charge of Judge Parsons' case, and Messrs. Carr and Lisle to the Committee in Judge Turner's case.

Mr. Murphy asked to be excused from serving on the first Committee.

Mr. Bigler, on leave, introduced a bill to change the name of John G. Almondinger to John G. Almond, which was read three times and passed.

The House then adopted the report of the Commissioners appointed on the part of the Legislature, to locate the grounds for the public buildings at Vallejo.

On motion of Mr. Bodley, the House adjourned.

Auction Sales This Day.

Kendig, Wainwright & Co., at 10 o'clock, house frames, lumber, and cargo of the bark Alabama.

Emerson & Dwyer, at 11 o'clock, port wine, candles, butter, sugar, &c.

Kettelle, Mahony & Co., at 10 o'clock, in front of the California Exchange, valuable property at the Mission Dolores.

Middleton & Co., at 10 o'clock, steam engine, boiler, cigars, groceries, &c.

BEAUTIFUL MINIATURES.—Mr. Vance, the skillful daguerrean artist, on Clay street, has shown us some beautiful miniatures taken in so small a compass as to be set in a ring, brooch or pin of ordinary size. The reduction of the likeness to so small a space does not affect their accuracy or excellence, as those shown us were certainly the neatest and most perfect that we have yet seen. As the steamers leave in a few days, a fine opportunity is afforded for those who have loved ones in the States to transmit to them a neat, elegant, and interesting present.

A DEPLORABLE SIGHT.—On yesterday we saw a large crowd, on Commercial street, gathered around a hand-cart, which contained a dirty, drunken, ragged mortal whom the police were carting off to the station house. The unfortunate fellow was so beastly drunk that he could neither stand nor sit, and too filthy to carry, they were forced to resort to the method described. It was a sad sight, though one not uncommon in our city.

CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR.—By a card in another column it will be seen that a number of citizens have requested David S. Turner, Esq., to permit his name to be presented as a candidate for Mayor, subject to the nomination of the Whig Convention, in which Mr. T. has acquiesced.

A young musician, remarkable for his modesty and sincerity, on his first appearance before the public, finding that he could not get the trills effectively, assured the audience, by way of apology, that he "trembled so that he could not shake!"

SERMON VS. DINNER.—A minister having preached a very long sermon, as was his custom, some hours after asked a gentleman his opinion of it. He replied that "twas very good, but that it had spoiled a goose worth two of it."

A friend, traveling in Florida, says of the mosquitoes—"Let a man go to sleep with his head in a cast iron kettle, and their bills will make a watering-pot of it before morning."

News from the San Joaquin Valley.

Todd & Co., as usual, put us under obligations for Stockton papers of the 26th.

In regard to the prospect of a settlement of the Indian difficulties, the *Times* says:

"There is now every prospect that matters between the Indians and the whites will be pacifically arranged. At the same time it appears to us that the treaty will not be of a lasting nature. Two difficulties present themselves antagonistic to a continued peace. In the first place, the vice and the aggressive disposition of the white man will continually prompt him to impose upon the privileges of the Indian, whose wild ideas of independence will, upon every such occasion, rise up in anger, and upon every burst forth in retributive and savage conflict; and in the second place, the innate vice of the Indian character will be continually displaying itself in the commission of petty thefts, which will have the effect of irritating his white neighbors. We know of no instance in the history of the world where two races so utterly dissimilar in comparative character have amalgamated; and we especially fear that the wild and headless white population of this country will quarrel with the California Indians until the latter has gone 'to the tomb of all the Capulets.'"

A man named John Adams, from Massachusetts, received a wound from the accidental discharge of a gun, on Monday last, at Stockton, from which he died soon after. He was formerly sea captain.

The Kirks and the Indians.—The *Times* has been favored with the following letter, addressed to Gen. D. F. Douglass. It has reference to the retributive war now being carried on by the brothers of Kirk, who was recently killed by Indians:

DEAR DAVID—I am informed that the wild Indians in this neighborhood; they this morning 'run' the Rancheria from Williams & Atherton's. I think the proper authorities should certainly protect them; they are (the Kirks) watching to kill any of them that they can find. I do not know what course to pursue.

Yours, &c. E. D. WALKER.

Business in the Recorder's Court.

The business in this court yesterday was unusually dull and uninteresting, several of the most important cases having been postponed on account of the absence of material witnesses.

Poschad Dorsey was arrested for having a mule in his possession which was stolen from W. D. Harrington, last Christmas, near New York. There was no evidence adduced to show that the defendant had illegally come in possession of the animal, and his good character was well authenticated by Capt. Fair and Mr. Ackley. The defendant was accordingly discharged, and the mule returned to its owner.

George Humphrey got drunk at Mr. Smith's house, on Kearny street, and became very disorderly and riotous. He was fined \$25.

George Collins, for furious riding was discharged, as it was evident that the animal was traveling at a dangerous speed of its own accord.

C. A. Smith was arrested for having threatened the life of W. A. White, on Long Wharf, in a difficulty the parties had relating to some of their former transactions. From the evidence, it appeared that no very menacing language was used which could be considered as threats, but that the complainant had, himself, committed a breach of the peace. He was fined \$5, and both gave bonds to keep the peace towards each other.

The California Counterfeiting Case.

The Philadelphia *Sun*, of Jan. 27th, has the following:

On Saturday, John Rex was heard before Judge Campbell, in the Court of Quarter Sessions, at Philadelphia, on a charge of passing counterfeit notes on the Missouri Bank, to the amount of \$60,000, knowing at the time that said notes were counterfeit. It appears, from the evidence, that the defendant, Rex, was acting in the capacity of a broker in the city of San Francisco, when he met John Plume, a banker of Sacramento city, to whom, in August last, he sold \$25,000 of Missouri bank notes in the month of October following, Mr. Plume again purchased from him \$4,000, and at a subsequent date he bought \$4,000 of the same bills. The defendant sold various sums to divers business men in California, in all amounting to over \$60,000. Mr. Plume testified that before their first call ascertain from St. Louis, whether the notes were good or no, Anderson & Rex had closed their business, and left California on the 15th of November. He also testified, that he told Mr. Rex's one acknowledged agent that he had sold over \$60,000 of the money during his stay in California. It appears, that previous to purchasing the notes, Mr. Plume made inquiries in relation to the character to the notes, which resulted in their being pronounced good. A portion of the same notes were passed upon the Missouri Bank, and circulated by that institution, but afterwards, on discovering that they were counterfeit, they recalled all that had been circulated.

A gentleman from California, by the name of Adams, was called to the stand, and testified that he purchased \$75,000 of the notes from Mr. Rex, in the city of San Francisco, and that subsequently, when he presented the notes to the bank, they were crossed. He afterwards met Messrs. Rex & Anderson, at Chagres, and demanded good money. The defendant and his partner refused to redeem them. They stated that they had sold over \$60,000 of the notes in California, and that if they made good his money, they would be compelled to redeem all they had circulated.

They stated that they had received \$20,000 of the notes from a man by the name of James Moore, who had gone out in the Missouri emigration. At the time of Mr. Rex's arrest in this city, by officer Wood, Mr. Plume, who was present, asked Mr. R. if he would redeem the \$13,000 which he had passed upon him, to which Mr. R. replied, that he had not the means, that his partner, Anderson, who had gone to St. Louis, was in the possession of all the books, &c.

The case was submitted to the judgment of the court without argument of counsel. The Judge said he would postpone his decision until Saturday next, in order to have time to give the facts a sufficient consideration.

MORE RAIN.—The clouds have been "giving down" most plentifully for the past twenty-four hours, with every prospect of a continuance. While we write this paragraph, the flood falls heavily on the roof over our heads. We trust it will not be the last twenty-four hours of rain until the hills and valleys are thoroughly drenched.

THE CUSTOM HOUSE SALE.—This sale was continued throughout the day yesterday, and amounted in the aggregate to nearly \$10,000. About one-third of the packages still remain to be sold. The sale will commence again this morning at 10 o'clock.

BY LAST NIGHT'S BOAT.

News from the Sacramento Valley.

We were last night indebted to Freeman & Co., and to Mr. T. P. Everett, of the Commercial Hat Emporium, for Sacramento papers.

The New World made the trip down in the short space of seven hours.

The residence of Professor Shepherd, at Sacramento, was entered Tuesday night, and forced open sundry trunks, and scattered the contents about the room. It is not known whether anything was taken, as the occupants of the house were out of town.

The miners in the vicinity of Colusa are doing exceedingly well. Very rich diggings have been discovered just back of the town. In some instances \$100 per day had been taken out.

A gentleman from high up on Feather river, informs us that on account of the snow, the miners have not been able satisfactorily to prospect the country. He supposes that for two months yet, the snow will prevent a thorough examination of the gulches. [Union.]

Canon creek lies north of Georgetown some three miles. The miners, in many instances, have made from \$2,000 to \$5,000 each, from rich claims they were fortunate enough to strike. The stream has been turned and the old bed has generally afforded a good yield. The gold is coarse, and is found in a sort of decomposed granite. There are not many miners along it now, as it has been thoroughly worked. [Transcript.]

ARRESTING NORTHERNERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.—The Charleston *Sun* prints a bill, recommended by the Committee on federal relations of the South Carolina Legislature, entitled a "Bill to provide a police in relation to persons coming from States hostile to the institutions of the South." This bill requires that every white male person above a certain age arriving in South Carolina from a non-slaveholding State, or who has resided in such State within two years previous, shall immediately report himself to a magistrate in writing, stating his name, age, occupation and place of residence; and, on default of such report, such person is to be committed to jail until he do make such report of himself.

COLONEL BENTON.—A Washington letter writer says that Col. Benton will positively refuse to enter the Presidential contest as a candidate for that office, but that he has another object in view, long since conceived, to which he will now give his attention, viz: the preparation of his speeches, with notes and illustrations, for posthumous publication. In this way, he intends to make up a pretty complete political history (and an inside view) of the country for the thirty years in which he has been in the United States Senate.

EXTENSIVE SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—The sale of real estate advertised in our columns by Messrs. Kendig & Wainwright, took place yesterday, and amounted to \$56,000, most of it at what might be regarded as good prices.

A gentleman in New York proposes to borrow four government steamers, and to employ them as a line of steamships to carry the mails between the waters of San Francisco and Shanghai, in China, free of charge.

A fine coat often covers an intolerable fool, but never conceals one.

MARINE NEWS.

Cleared, March 27.

Bark Adelaide, (Peru) Moore, Hongkong.

Arrived.

No arrivals.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27th, 1851.

Col. DAVID S. TURNER.

DEAR SIR: The undersigned, representing a portion of the electors of the city of San Francisco, are desirous of ascertaining from you whether you will

